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Hailey Administrative Site, Garage/Equipment Building  
(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site, Building No. 1326)  
Sawtooth National Forest  
309 South Main  
Hailey  
Blaine County  
Idaho

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**PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

**A. Physical History**

1. **Date(s) of erection:** During calendar year 1938-1939.
2. **Architect:** George L. Nichols.
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1938-1992; Mike and Joan O'Neil, 1992-present.
4. **Builder, contractor, suppliers:** No construction records have been found.
5. **Original plans and construction:** R4-35 modified. Constructed as a mirror image of the original plan, with a single garage door at the garage end instead of two doors at the other end, and with six garage doors in the side instead of seven.
6. **Alterations and additions:** On the outside of the north wall are two compressor housings which appear to have been added. Inside, the walls and ceiling in the mechanics shop were finished subsequent to the original construction. An office was built in the southeast corner of the "mechanics shop," and a bathroom added to the northwest corner of the "fire warehouse."

**B. Historical Context:** This garage was added to the original compound 5 years after the first three structures were completed. It functions as the vehicle repair building and welding shop as well as a garage.

**PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

**A. General Statement**

1. **Architectural character:** This structure is typical of Depression-Era Forest Service architecture in the Intermountain Region.
2. **Condition of fabric:** Structurally sound. Needs paint.

**B. Description of Exterior**

1. **Overall dimensions:** 26' x 101'.
2. **Foundations:** Continuous, concrete.
3. **Walls:** Novelty siding painted white with Nile green trim.

4. Structural System, framing: 2" x 4" wood stud braced frame.

5. Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads: None.

6. Chimneys: None.

7. Openings

a. Doorways and doors: In the south wall, opening into the garage/mechanics shop, are four solid, single, sliding garage-type doors, and one set of double garage-type doors. The eastern door of the double-door set has a regular solid 5-panel door built into it, and the western door of the set has a home-made, plank door through it. Also in the south wall is a set of two solid 5-panel doors opening into the old fire warehouse. A single garage door is in the west wall. One regular 5-panel door is on the east wall. All doors are painted white.

b. Windows and shutters: There are eleven fixed, 6-pane windows: eight in the north wall, two in the south wall, and one in the east wall. There are five fixed single-pane windows in the upper part of three of the garage doors on the south wall. There are four double hung, 8-pane sash windows, two in the east gable area and two in the west gable panel. Frames and muntins are painted nile green. The surrounding trim pieces are painted white.

8. Roof

a. Shape, covering: Gable, 2" x 4" rafters, 1" x 6" sheathing, manufactured shake shingles in bronze green.

b. Cornice, eaves: Cornices are open, with dripping eaves.

c. Dormers, cupolas, towers: None.

#### C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans

a. Basement: None.

b. First floor: The interior has two main rooms. In 1967 the eastern room (26' x 40') was referred to as the fire warehouse and the western room (26' x 61') the mechanics shop. At present there are two additional rooms. A small bathroom occupies the northwest corner of the old fire warehouse (although it is accessible only from the old mechanics

shop). An office, measuring 9' 2" north-south by 10' 1" east-west (exterior dimensions), occupies the southeastern corner of the old mechanics shop. The ceiling inside the office is 7' 10" high. This almost certainly was not part of the original building; it blocks the easternmost garage door. The office is accessible from both of the main rooms.

c. Second floor: None.

**2. Stairways: None.**

**3. Flooring:** The floor in the garage/mechanics shop is unpainted concrete. The office has light blue linoleum, which appears to be laid over thin boards or sheeting on top of concrete. The floor in the storage room/fire warehouse is 1' higher than in the office and is of wood, with the planks running east-west. The bathroom floor has green linoleum.

**4. Wall and ceiling finish:** Originally the garage/mechanics shop was unceiled, but at present the walls and ceilings are finished with wallboard. On the ceiling the joints between wallboard panels are covered with beaded wooden strips. The north and south walls are painted light green to a height of 5' 7", with white above that. The west wall and the ceiling are white. The east wall of the mechanics shop, as well as the outside of the north wall of the office, are lined with shelving, painted light green. Above the shelves and walls of the office, the east wall of the garage/mechanics shop is white. The walls and ceiling inside the office are of wallboard, painted a cream color. The ceiling in the storage room/fire warehouse is finished in 1" x 8" shiplap, with boards running east-west and painted white. The walls are lined with built-in cabinets made of vertical, bevel-edged, tongue-and-groove 1" x 4" material. These cabinets probably were part of the original construction. At present they are painted white.

**5. Openings**

a. **Doorways and doors:** The door from the mechanics shop into the office is a single French-type 10-pane and one solid panel construction. A solid, 5-panel door opens from the office into the fire warehouse.

b. **Windows:** In the west wall of the office is a double hung, side sliding, 12-pane window.

**6. Decorative features and trim: None.**

**7. Hardware: Stamped steel painted black.**

## **8. Mechanical equipment**

a. **Heating, air conditioning, ventilation:** Near the center of the west wall of the fire warehouse is a 17" square chimney of brick. At 75"-81" above the floor there is a 6" opening in the chimney for a stove pipe, but no stove is present now.

b. **Lighting:** Wired for electricity during construction. At present, lighting in the mechanics shop is fluorescent. Elsewhere it is incandescent.

c. **Plumbing:** Originally there was no plumbing. At present there is a small bathroom (toilet and sink), accessible from the old mechanics shop, but actually occupying the northwest corner of the old fire warehouse.

## **D. Site**

1. **General setting and orientation:** Building runs in a north-south direction and faces south. Structure lies just west of Storeroom (Sign Shop).

2. **Historic landscape design:** See "Historical Sketch of the Sawtooth National Forest and of the Hailey Administrative Site," above.

3. **Outbuildings:** This compound consists of five buildings, including this one. Each structure has been documented separately.

## **PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

A. **Original Architectural Drawings:** None

B. **Early Views:** None.

C. **Interviews:** None.

## **D. Bibliography**

### **1. Primary and unpublished sources**

Anonymous

1935 *Building Construction Manual*, revised edition. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Region Four.

1941 *Sawtooth Historical Information*. Unpublished typescript on file at Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office, Twin Falls, Idaho.

- n.d.a      'Administrative Site Improvement Plans.' [Large binder containing site plans, building descriptions, and photographs from the mid-1930's].
- n.d.b      'Administrative Site Improvement Plans.' [Same as Anonymous n.d.a, but without photographs and with updated Hailey building descriptions to 1939].

Nichols, George L.

1946      *Building Construction Handbook*. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region.

**2. Secondary and published sources: None.**

**E. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated:** Local newspapers, National Archives.

**F. Supplemental Material:** Attached hereto: Photos taken by Eva Jensen, May 30 and 31, 1989. Drawings made by Richard T. Malouf, September, 1992.

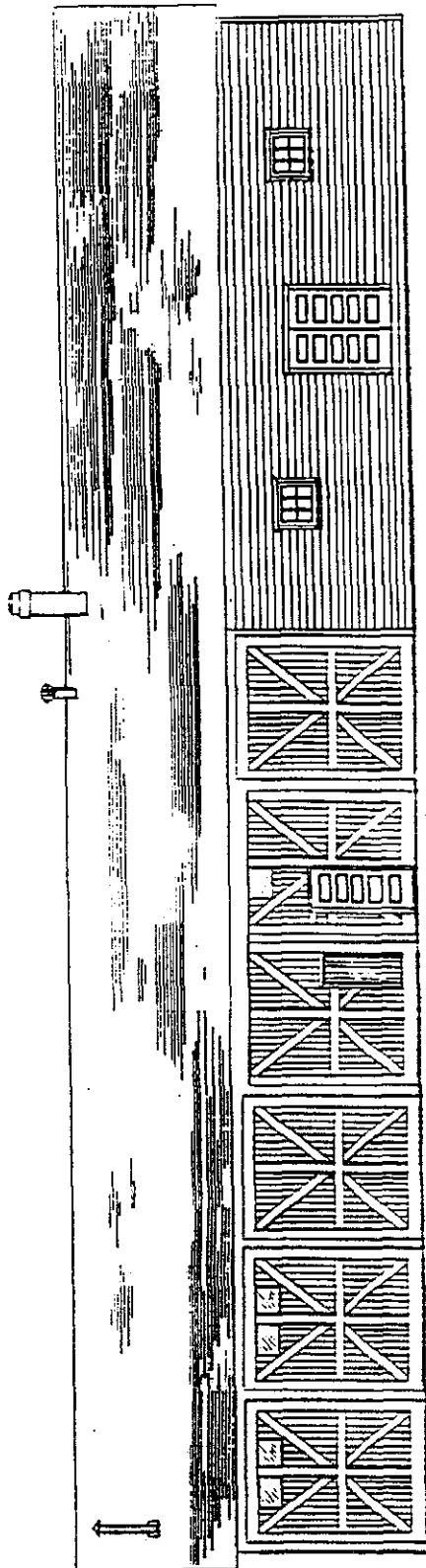
**PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION**

**A. Purpose of Documentation**

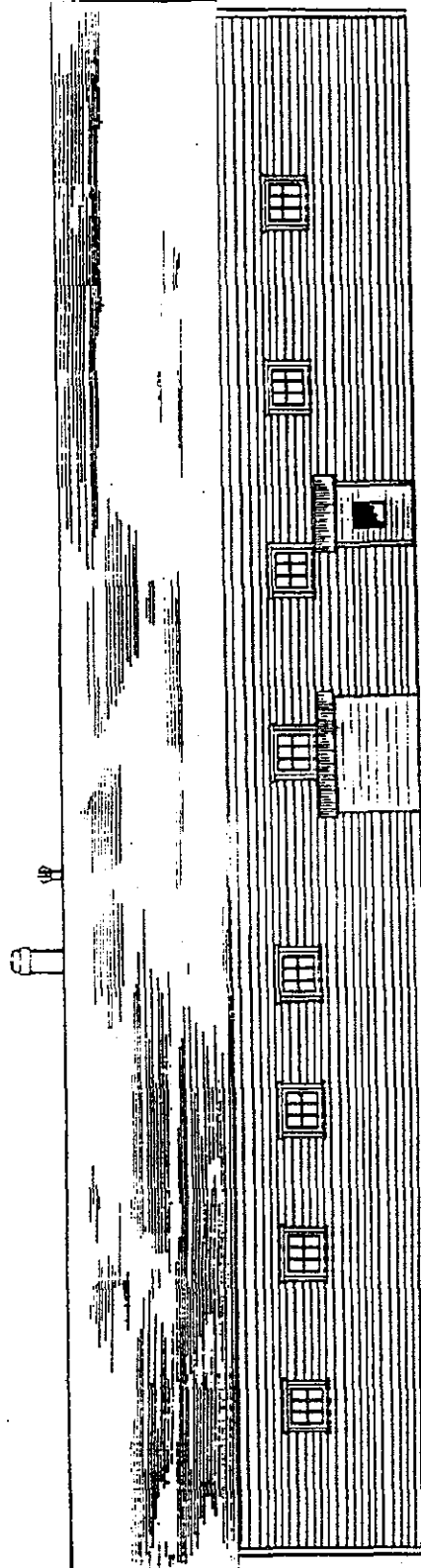
1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

**B. Report Preparation**

1. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September - October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.



SOUTH WALL

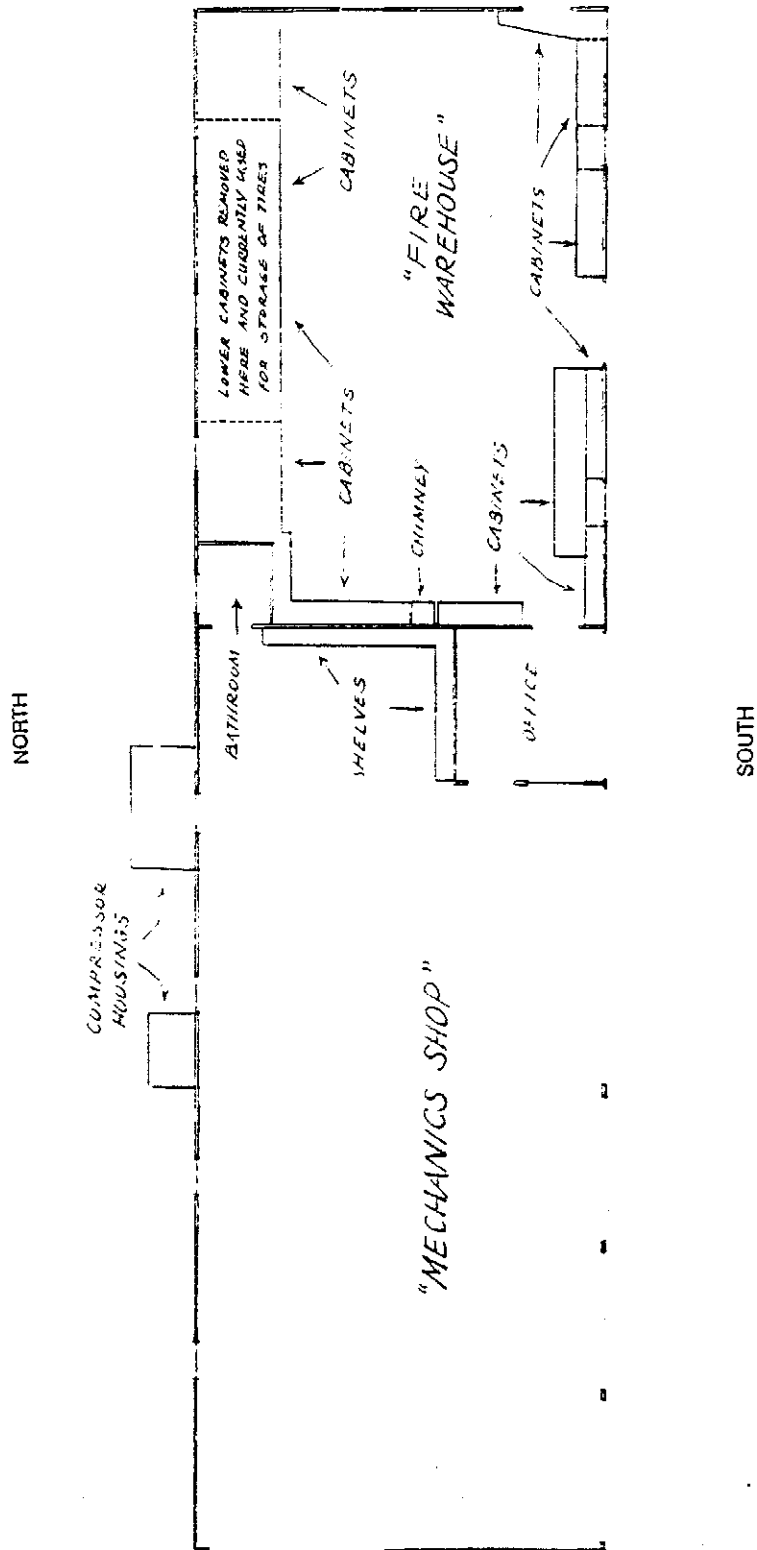


NORTH WALL

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FLOOR PLAN, SEPTEMBER, 1992

SCALE: 1" = 12'-6"